

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Title        | : | CONTROL APPARATUS FOR ACTUATING<br>AN ELONGATE MEDICAL SHAFT |                   |      |

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 24,2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page two (2) of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page seven (7) of this paper.